

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

House of the Federation



REPORT NO.6 OF 2019

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS & COORDINATION

ON

“STARRED QUESTION NO. 75, REGARDING THE QUANTITY AND VALUE (IN PAK RUPEES) OF MEDICINE/ VACCINES BEING IMPORTED FROM INDIA ON MONTHLY BASIS” INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ABDUL REHMAN MALIK, IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 26-04-2019

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH
CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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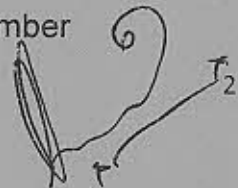
I, Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, have the honour to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the starred question No. 75 moved by Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, regarding "the quantity and value (in Pak. rupees) of medicine/ vaccines being imported from india on monthly basis" referred by the House to the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination in its sitting held on 26-04-2019.

2. The Composition of the Standing Committee is as under:-

1) Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Chairman
2) Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
3) Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
4) Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
5) Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member
6) Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
7) Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member
8) Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
9) Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
10) Senator Sana Jamali	Member
11) Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
12) Senator Manzoor Ahmed Khan Kakar	Member

3. The Committee considered and discussed the Bill in detail in its meeting held on 29th July, 2019. The following Members of the Committee attended the meeting.

1) Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Chairman
2) Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
3) Senator Ashok Kumar	Member
4) Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
5) Senator Asad Ashraf	Member
6) Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member
7) Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member



- 8) Senator Sana Jamali Member
9) Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen Member

4. Question No. 75 regarding the quantity and value (in pak rupees) of medicine/ vaccines being imported from India on monthly basis was moved by Senator Rehman Malik. The matter was discussed in the meeting of the Committee held on 12th July 2019 which was initially referred to the Committee on 26-04-2019. The Ministry provided its detailed response. But the Mover was not satisfied in the last meeting. In the meeting held on 29th July, 2019, Senator Abdul Rehman Malik forwarded some amendments in relevant laws along with proposals which were referred to the Ministry.

5. Finally in the meeting held on 20th August 2019 the mover of the Question No. 75 Senator Abdul Rehman Malik gave very valid proposals to be adopted by National Health Services Regulation & Coordination that the Ministry should direct the Pharmaceutical Industries to produce at least 5% of the medicine/vaccines which are being imported from India on monthly basis. The pharmaceutical companies are hundreds in number which can produce not only the required volumes of medicines/vaccines for the country but we can export plenty of medicines/vaccines to those countries who are not producing such medicines/vaccines. By this way our reliance on India in this time of bilateral tension will be reduced to zero. And the import burden of around 15 Million Dollar per year will be over. On the other hand we can earn millions of Dollar from the export of such medicine/vaccines.

6. **The committee has directed the ministry to formulate some rules in line with the above proposal and report back to the Senate Standing Committee on NHR&C through notification of formulation of the relevant rules, for the pharmaceutical companies.**



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Secretary Committee



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Chairman (Committee)